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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Skelton: **SIR,**

If the amendment to H.R. 1815, proposing to prohibit the assignment of female Soldiers to Forward Support Companies (FSC) addressed only FSCs in Heavy and Infantry Brigade Combat Teams and equivalent elements of Stryker Brigades, a total of 21,925 spaces currently open for assignment to female Soldiers would be closed.

We appreciate your interest in and support of our Soldiers as we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

Sincerely,


James L. Campbell
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Director of the Army Staff